

December 8, 2004

Notice of Oral Ex Parte Presentation

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals*, CS Docket Nos. 98-120

Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this notice informs the Federal Communications Commission that Paula Boyd of Microsoft, Mary Brown of Cisco, Paul Kenefick of Alcatel, David Peyton of the National Association of Manufacturers, Peter Pitsch of Intel, and the undersigned, all on behalf of the High Tech Broadband Coalition, met with Mr. Jordan Goldstein, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps, and Mr. John Codi of Chairman Michael Powell's office, in separate meetings on December 7, 2004. This same group, with the exception of Paul Kenefick of Alcatel, also met with Mr. Ken Ferree, Chief, Media Bureau, Mr. Rick Chessen, Associate Chief, Media Bureau, Mr. William Johnson, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, Ms. Mary Beth Murphy, Chief of the Media Bureau's Policy Division, and Ms. Eloise Gore, Assistant Division Chief of the Media Bureau's Policy Division, on December 7, 2004.

The HTBC representatives argued that the return of the analog TV broadcast channels as part of the digital television ("DTV") transition by a date certain as early as possible would significantly advance the public interest. They addressed the value of these channels for advanced wireless services and advocated clearing all stations on channels 60-69 simultaneously, rather than just clearing the public safety co-channel stations. They explained that this approach would most effectively address public safety concerns, while greatly increasing the value of the C and D blocks (especially to rural areas).

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 626-5744.

Respectfully submitted,

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